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Welcome to this combined Christmas and New Year edition of Sudbrooke News.

A correspondent rightly points out (see letters) that a lot of views expressed in this magazine are often negative. On occasions I tend to agree. However, I am delighted to go on to read in the same letter that money raised at the recent Halloween Walk in Sudbrooke Park is being donated to CLIC Sargeant. This is a fantastic charity whose aim is to ease the burden of childhood cancer on children, young people and their families. Well done to everyone concerned, I hear a considerable sum was raised. Also mentioned in this magazine is news of a very generous donation made by Sudbrooke Caring Team to LIVES.

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Please let me know of "good news". Despite our mundane gripes, I feel there is an awful lot Sudbrooke has to be proud of and this deserves to be broadcast. However, if I'm not told, I can't.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who helps ensure this magazine reaches your doormat in all weathers and in a timely manner throughout the year. Also

worth noting is this magazine is essentially "self financing" thanks to the support of the Parish Council, advertisers, the commitment of distributors, etc.. Again, something we should be proud of.

So, ending the Year on these positives, I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Back again in February, all being well !

Sudbrooke News

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20 JANUARY

Nick

The Christmas and Carol Services are listed in the Church Diary. Carols at Langworth on Sunday 11 December (6 p.m.), at Stainton on Friday 16 December (6.30 p.m.), and at Sudbrooke on Sunday 18 December (7 p.m.). The Christmas Eve Service on Saturday 24 December starts at 11.45 p.m., and on Christmas Day morning there will be a Communion at St. Edward Barlings at 9.00 a.m. and a Family Service at St. Hugh Langworth at 10.30 a.m..

As I write, we are about to enter the Church Season of Advent – “getting ready for Jesus”. Many people remember it daily by opening ‘doors’ in an Advent Calendar. Advent is our time to get ready for Christmas, when we celebrate the Birth of Jesus : a time when God came to dwell among us (“pitched his tent among us” - literally - as St. John puts it in the first chapter of his Gospel).

A popular reading at Christmas and Carol Services is Luke Chapter 2 when the Angels announce the Good News of what has happened at Bethlehem to the Shepherds. Do you remember the advertising campaign, some years ago now, which preceded the launch of the National Lottery ? A giant hand hovered over the rooftops of a town before finally a finger reached down to single out one household as the lucky winner of the coveted jackpot, backed up by the words, *“It could be you !”* . The suggestion was that the hand of providence might one day select us to receive a fortune. Did you take the bait ? Many have, and a number of people have become millionaires as a result, but the majority of participants will have spent a considerable amount of money with little if anything to show for it.

Contrast that with the events of Bethlehem that we are preparing once again to celebrate. Here was the promise not of money on earth but of riches in heaven : a prize not merely for this life but for all eternity – the greatest gift ever offered. Yet this was no lottery, dependent on the whim of fate. There was no question of it *could* be you *if* you happened to get lucky. The message of the angels, the evangelists and countless generations of faith since is quite simple : *“It is you !”* The promise of God in Christ – his gift of new life with everything that means – is not reserved for the exclusive few, nor dependent on any quirk of chance. It is ours for the taking, waiting simply for us to claim it – for you, for me, for everyone !

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) wrote some words many years ago that highlight the joy of the event and, indeed, of life itself :-

“Let the just rejoice, for their Justifier is born.
Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their Saviour is born.
Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born.
Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born.

Let free people rejoice, for their Liberator is born.
 Let all Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born. Amen."

As the popular carol goes : a time for "Joy to the World." I wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas, and a peaceful and productive New Year.

Yours, in Christ, **Robert Spaight**

Church Diary

| | DECEMBER 2011 | | |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday 4 | Advent 2 | | |
| | 9.00 | Communion | St.John Stainton |
| | 10.30 | Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 6.00 | Evening Prayer | St.Hugh Langworth |
| Sunday 11 | Advent 3 | | |
| | 9.00 | BCP Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 10.30 | Family Service | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 6.00 | Carol Service | St.Hugh Langworth |
| Friday 16 | 6.30 | Carol Sing-along | St.John Stainton |
| Sunday 18 | Advent 4 | | |
| | 10.30 | Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 3.00 | Night Prayer | St.Hugh Langworth |
| | 7.00 | Carol Service | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| Saturday 24 | Christmas Eve | | |
| | 11.45 | Midnight Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| Sunday 25 | Christmas Day | | |
| | 9.00 | Communion | St.Edward Barlings |
| | 10.30 | Family Service | St.Hugh Langworth |

| | JANUARY 2012 | | |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday 1 | Christmas 1 | | |
| | 9.00 | Communion | St.John Stainton |
| | 10.30 | Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 6.00 | Evening Prayer | St.Hugh Langworth |
| Sunday 8 | Epiphany 1 | | |
| | 9.00 | BCP Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 10.30 | Christingle Family Service | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 6.00 | Communion | St.Hugh Langworth |
| Sunday 15 | Epiphany 2 | | |
| | 10.30 | Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 6.00 | Evening Prayer | St.Hugh Langworth |

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| Sunday 22 | Epiphany 3 | |
| | 9.00 Communion | St.Edward Barlings |
| | 10.30 Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 6.00 Communion | St.Hugh Langworth |
| Sunday 29 | Epiphany 4 | |
| | 9.00 BCP Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 10.30 Family Service (Baptism) | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
| | 3.00 Family Service + Baptisms | St.Hugh Langworth |

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Parish Council Minutes - October 2011

ABRIDGED VERSION OF THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE

PRESENT: Councillors M Dickie (Chairman), P Rignall, S Curtis, Mrs L Etheridge, Miss R Dobbs, Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer, From 8.15pm), 3 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillors B Bartram, P Heath, I Russell, County Councillor Mrs S Rawlins

62 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A resident raised her concerns about the beech trees on Beech Tree corner overhanging her garden. The resident was advised to contact the owners of the trees, Somerville Park Ltd, to request that they consider trimming the trees back. The resident also pointed out that in her opinion the small silver birch tree in that vicinity required cutting back. She was advised that a report on the silver birch was still awaited from Councillor Ian Russell.

63 POLICE MATTERS

An email received from PC Donnah Thompson apologising for lack of correspondence from the local Police team for a number of months had been received. PC Thompson pointed out that since May 2011 the roles of the team had been changing. She stressed that someone would endeavour to attend a meeting or send a re-

port when commitments allowed.

Lincs Alert – This is a new scheme set up for residents to be notified by email alerts on incidents/crimes in the area. An article would be put in the Sudbrooke News encouraging residents to register for the service.

64 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC Stuart Curtis reported the Electoral Boundary Commission had recommended that Sudbrooke remain in the same boundary as current, ie with Scothern.

DC Curtis also reported that there would be no garden waste collection between November and March.

65 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

a) Extension of sports field lease – Mr Paul Truelove had agreed to the extension of the sports field lease for the foreseeable future.

b) Website – Training was awaited.

c) Hedge fronting Village Hall – quotations – Only one quotation had been received for the cutting back of the hedge from Veolia Environmental Services in the sum of £160. Agreed that this be accepted.

Note: Councillors Miss R Dobbs, P Rignall and S Curtis declared an interest in the above as members of the Village Hall Committee.

d) Housing Needs Survey –

Correspondence received from Community Lincs stated that WLDC had commissioned a survey to be carried out in Sudbrooke mid 2012.

e) Meet the Council event – update – Councillor Bernard Bartram had sent a report on comments made at the event as follows:-

Speeding on Manor Drive - *aware and Police advised*

More salt points around village – *LCC advised of sites for more salt bins around bus route*

Bus route should be salted – *LCC have had this request*

Upgrade on play equipment- *no action at present*

Youth activities for children – *note in magazine for volunteers to organise*

Object to garage conversions as too many cars parked on road side

Dog mess needs sorting again – *reminder in Sudbrooke News*

From a poll taken on advertising in Sudbrooke News – 15 residents voted, none said too little, 3 said too much, 12 said about right. All residents said they thought the magazine was good but wanted more local stories.

Wood carving group conducted their own poll on Sudbrooke sign – *Most residents in favour of suggested designs but funding an issue.*

It is hoped to arrange another event in the future but with further emphasis on local activities.

f) Village Sign – Mrs Helen Link had asked whether there were any more

thoughts on the village sign designs which had been submitted by the wood carving group as, if not, she would put the designs forward for other projects elsewhere.

The Clerk was asked to reiterate that although a village sign was considered an excellent suggestion the funding of £3,000 for one of the suggested designs remained the reason that the project could not proceed. Grant funding did not appear to be an option as all grant providers did not consider a village sign an essential item. £500 had been precepted in the current financial year from parish funds to be saved towards the project (similarly to the lighting of the millennium stone) which could be added to over a period of time with fund raising by any organisation/resident(s).

g) Replacement Neighbourhood Watch Signs – It was agreed that new signs be fixed at the entrances to the village.

h) Works required to trees on Beech tree corner – report of site inspection - The Clerk and Cllr Peter Heath had attended a site inspection of the beech trees with the WLDC Arboriculturalist and a representative of Veolia Ltd.

There was much dead wood in the trees and a heavy broken limb. The Arboriculturalist had recommended to the owners, Somerville Park Ltd, that all the dead/dying wood be removed. Further limited trimming could be undertaken if desired and upon completion of the appropriate documents for work on protected trees.

The Clerk reported that Somerville

Park Ltd had indicated that at present they would only be instructing Veolia Ltd to undertake the necessary work to the dead/dying wood.

i) Training Courses for Councillors and Clerk

– Dates of courses were brought to the attention of members. Approval of the cost of training at £6.50 per delegate was given to those wishing to attend.

j) Report of Sports Day - Mr Michael Halliday had sent a report of the event which had been a success with a reasonable turnout. Mr Halliday suggested that if the event were to run next year he hoped that the Parish Council would precept the usual £250.00.

Mr Halliday stated that he thought July was a good time to hold the event and if he were to organise it would be willing to share the day with another organisation if required.

66 CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT – 27TH NOVEMBER 2011

The event at the tree would commence at 4.00pm with mulled wine and mince pies, with the lights being switched on at 4.30pm.

Despite requests for assistance to put up the marquee etc no offers of help had been forthcoming.

67 LANDSCAPING OF LAND BY MILLENNIUM STONE/FRONT OF SPORTS FIELD, SCOTHERN LANE

It was agreed that both areas needed attention. The Clerk was asked to put a note in Sudbrooke News inviting suggestions/comments from residents for

the area by the Millennium Stone. Both areas would be further discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

68 ANNUAL PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

The report of the annual play equipment inspection on both play areas had been received. It was agreed that the report be passed to Mr Eric Pitt, Play Equipment Inspector, so that any recommended maintenance could be undertaken.

69 CHANGES TO WASTE COLLECTIONS – SEMINAR INVITATION 27TH OCTOBER 2011

Notification had been received that changes to the waste collections would be implemented in the near future and in order to explain these a seminar would be held on 27th October at Festival Hall, Market Rasen. This was noted by members.

70 HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Litter Pick – 15th October 2011
– It was hoped that there would be a good turnout of volunteers for the Litter Pick.

b) LCC Winter Weather Workshop – 17th October 2011 - this was noted by members.

71 PLANNING

a) Charges for hard copies of planning applications – The high cost for the supply of hard copies of planning applications from WLDC was commented on.

Notification was awaited for Councillor training/instruction on the accessing of plans from the WLDC web site.

74 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 3rd November 2011.

b) Applications

TPO – 2 Scothern Lane – fell 2 leylandii, lopping and tidying of dead branches – No objections.

c) Permission


Lincoln & District Scout Camp, West Drive – 127558 – replacement climbing tower facilities.

73 CORRESPONDENCE

Best Kept Village Competition – Judges Comments – These were generally favourable and would be passed to the editor of the Sudbrooke News for publication.

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Ho, ho, ho!

PLEASE ensure you are riding a bike in poor light/darkness with **working lights**. Reports of cyclists failing to do so and presenting a hazard to themselves and others. **Parents** of news paperboy/girls.....**does your child have working lights?**

Report of Parish Council meeting – 3rd November 2011

Chris Myers, Clerk to the Parish Council

Dog Mess – What a start! – it appears to be becoming more noticeable in the village - please be responsible and clean up after your dog. For anyone wanting a supply of FREE doggy bags contact Bernard Bartram on 754798.

Cyclists – It has been brought to the attention of members that there are cyclists riding about in the dark with no lights on. Parents are asked to ensure that their youngsters have these on their bikes with good batteries in them.

Speeding – West Drive – Residents were in attendance and expressed their concern about cars and farm vehicles etc travelling at speed down this minor road. An animal has been injured and it may well have been a child. The Parish Council has written to the Highways Department of the County Council asking for assistance in controlling the speed of vehicles using this road.

Landscaping to the front of Beech Close/near to Millennium stone – a site meeting will be held at the end of November to which those residents living nearby have been invited to attend to give their comments/suggestions as to how this area can be tidied up.

Waste collections in the village – Most residents seem to be dismayed at the muddle that transpired from the Street Team misinforming residents about the bin collections in the village. Letters have been sent to the Manager of the Street Team but no replies have been received to them.

Request for grip cutting down Sudbrooke Lane/Nettleham Lane (For those not aware of what grip cutting is it is the channels that are 'cut out' of grass verges in order for the water to drain away). This has been requested of the Highways Department, but apparently it is a more major job than we imagine and because of the equipment used a road closure has to be implemented for which 3 months notice has to be given.

Parish Council Budget 2012/2013 – This is when the amount required by Parish Council for the next year is set. This will be discussed during the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 1st December 2011, Village Hall 7.30pm – if you are interested come along, the meeting is usually over by 9pm.

The January meeting of the Parish Council will be **Thursday 5th January 2012**.



The Dogs (fouling of land) Act 1996

makes it an offence 'for any person responsible for a dog not to remove the faeces should it foul on any land to which the public have access'. It is not a defence to claim ignorance of the dogs' actions or of the law, or to not have a suitable device to remove the faeces. Fixed penalty notices can be issued to offenders or a fine of up to £1000 may be applied.

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WLDC have made available dog bags for residents. They are **FREE OF CHARGE**** to anyone who needs some. Please contact Lyn Etheridge, "Labda", Main Drive, Sudbrooke. Tel. 750905.**

GAZUNDERING

House sellers are being warned to watch out for “gazundering” in the current tough conditions of the residential property market. Gazundering is where the buyer drops his offer for the property just before contracts are exchanged. It’s the opposite of gazumping, where the seller hikes up the price, or accepts a higher offer from another buyer just before contracts are exchanged. Gazundering occurs in a buyer’s market, while gazumping tends to arise when it’s a seller’s market. Both practices are perfectly legal; there is no binding agreement as to the price or any other term of the bargain until contracts are exchanged, which usually only happens four to six weeks after the prospective buyer’s offer has been accepted and the conveyancing process begins. “Although it’s legal, these practices are generally a buyer exploiting his bargaining strength in a tough market, and they tend to undermine the smooth running and stability of the conveyance system,” said Steve Derby, residential conveyancing expert with Andrew & Co LLP. Theoretically it would be possible for the buyer and seller to enter into an agreement to enter into a contract, but in practice buyers are unlikely to enter into such an agreement if sanctions, such as the loss of a substantial pre-contract deposit if the buyer backs out, are included.

Some have called for a French-style conveyancing system, where the buyer and seller enter into a contract at the outset; but opponents say that this sort of system, where a contract is entered into at the outset, is bound to be so full of escape routes that it provides no more certainty than the English system. Even if the buyer decides not to go ahead for a completely frivolous reason, they will often be released by the seller because the seller cannot keep the deposit without going to court, and, in the meantime, the house cannot be sold. Steve added: “The English system is far from perfect, but other systems that might replace it have their own problems and frustrations. My advice to sellers is don’t just accept the highest offer as a matter of course; instead listen to their estate agent’s advice as to whether a prospective buyer appears genuine and is in a position to go ahead. “In the current buyer’s market, sellers might like to think about instructing their solicitors to state at the outset, when they send out the draft contract and supporting papers, that if the buyer attempts to negotiate a lower price, they will immediately insist on the contract papers being returned, which can act as a psychological deterrent to the buyer. “They may still get challenged for a price reduction, but it can help to even the balance in current markets.”



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

On the evening of Friday 18th November a heavy concrete ornamental wishing well was dismantled and stolen from the front garden of my house in Sibthorpe Drive. Also stolen was a small ornamental cat. Both were over 25 years old and of little monetary value.

It would have taken more than one person to remove them and footprints on the lawn endorsed this. Reports that a group of youths were seen travelling down Sibthorpe Drive and turning right towards the shop after scattering sand and grit from the sand bin in the road and behaving in a rowdy manner. Broken pieces of the wishing well have been found thrown in front gardens of houses in Sibthorpe Drive and Holme Drive. But the roof of the well and the cat are still missing and the recovered pieces are beyond repair.

Just youths indulging in harmless fun some might say?. However, I do not share that opinion. I am therefore **offering a £100 reward** for information which leads to the arrest, prosecution and conviction of these thieves. I would also like the opportunity of speaking to the parents of these thieves and vandals.

If you have any such knowledge of this event please contact the Police, Crime ref No 139 Sudbrooke or the Editor who will put you in touch with me. It is more than likely that some members of the group may not be personally involved nor agree with the actions of their associates. In this event here is a chance to earn £100 cash. I would in addition ask parents. Do you know where your offspring were at this time that evening.?

Name and address supplied.

Dear Editor

Has anyone else noticed that whenever you see a clock on a building which has Roman numerals the four on the dial is almost always four single strokes instead of the Roman numeral for four which is IV. Why is this? Perhaps it started during the Roman occupation of Britain as a kind of Resistance protest sign. Very much like the V for victory sign that appeared during WW11 in German occupied Europe.

Well, that might be one explanation. There must be other more likely reasons. Does anyone out there have a more probable idea as to why? Incidentally, Big Ben in Westminster does have the correct Roman numerals. I can't be the only bewildered and puzzled Old Fogey with nothing better to do than wonder about such trivial things so, if you do know the reason, please write or E mail in and enlighten us.

Elsie Carter

Dear Editor

Through this magazine may I congratulate and thank everyone who planned, arranged, and assisted in the Halloween Ghost Walk in the grounds of Sudbrooke Holme.

A really great evening out especially for the children. The sight and sound of so many happy excited kiddies on their way to and from it along the dark road through the woods to the event with their sparklers and torches flashing and lighting up their costumes and masks in the darkness was great. The only ones who seemed scared appeared to be the parents. This year was even better than last year. So well organised and so much fun. Not to mention all the food and goodies. How much better than that horrible Trick or Treating nuisance on people's doors. Well done all concerned !

**A survivor of The Ghost Walk.
(Can I have a sticker with that written on it ?)**

Dear Editor

Following the letter in the last issue I asked the Headteacher to clarify the situation and her reply is attached.

**Michael Robinson
St Edwards Drive**

1) What percentage of the revenue budget of the school is met by the church?

No revenue comes from the Church as we are a Voluntary Controlled School.

2) Does the church have an input to the school curriculum?

3) Will this change with academy status?

All schools have to teach 36 hours and 45 hours of RE to KS1 and KS2 respectively per year as a statutory entitlement to all pupils regardless of their designation, ie Church status. This will not change. We will retain our Church status under the terms of our release from the Diocese and, therefore, retain Foundation Governors who will ensure that the ethos of the school remains firmly based in the teachings of the Church of England.

4) Does the church have an input to the selection of pupils for admission?

5) Will this change with academy status?

Our admissions code as worded by the Diocese of Lincoln and adopted by our Governing Body is as follows:

"Church of England School Criteria

Priority will be given to parents and children who can identify that they are faithful and frequent worshippers. Priority will be given in the order to:

- 1 – Regular* worshippers at St Edwards or St Germain's Parish Church
- 2 – Regular* worshippers at another Christian church
- 3 – Regular* worshippers at a place of worship of any other four world faiths (Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism)

*Regular is defined as at least once a month..

Dear Editor


After flicking through recent issues of Sudbrooke news it became really apparent that many of the views expressed by fellow residents are negative - the usual gripes about dog poo, speeding motorists and litter dropping. Whilst these issues are obviously important to our community I often feel that people forget how privileged they are to live in such a wonderful village.

This afternoon I was lucky enough to witness the huge amount of work, energy and effort by a dedicated group of people, from a wide variety of backgrounds, who were coming together to do something for people in their community - those involved in the Sudbrooke ghost walk. As well as producing an event to entertain (scare the living daylights out of!) their fellow residents, they also intend to raise a large sum of money for charity.

This brings me onto my real thanks. The wonderful people who organised this event learnt that my daughter, Annabel who is 5, was diagnosed with an extremely rare form of Leukaemia in March of this year and offered to donate the money raised to a cause of our choice - CLIC Sargeant. From complete strangers this is an offer that can only be described as incredible. A genuine example of a local community providing and caring for their own.

So next time you think a negative thought about our village please remember that it might have its careless few but it also has a positive many.

John Sisman



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A new seat is now sited outside the Village Hall in memory of the late Gordon and Kathryn Freestone. The seat was very kindly donated by their family.



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**except the 3rd Thursday in the month when the session is held in the afternoon from 1pm - 2.30pm.*

GARDENING NEWS



Hello and welcome. As winter sets in, the garden has gone into hibernation. Most plants have become dormant, the spring bulbs have been planted, and those plants that need protection have been put under cover. The new border and shrubbery will continue to be developed during suitable weather in the hope that we can get it established for the next growing season. This is proving to be quite a challenge! Like the garden, I shall probably go into hibernation as far as gardening goes, and we will spend time with our family and celebrate Christmas with them, hoping that that we won't be marooned at home as we were last year, and hoping also that winter won't be as harsh as last year. We now look forward to Christmas and New Year celebrations. Happy Christmas to everybody. Gardening News will return in the spring, ready for the new season.

To all gardeners a merry Christmas. **GP**

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The Old Codger

Where would we be without water?. It is vital to all our lives but is all too often taken for granted. It is only when it it's not instantly available that we even notice it and miss it. Yet cut of our mains supply to repair a leak in the village and it seems as though the world has come apart. These days in the U.K. every home, office and place of work has a constant supply of running clean fresh water. Our whole lives revolve around it and yet we take it for granted. All too often we are wasteful and careless with our use of it. We leave taps running to clean our teeth, and wash our hands. We overfill kettles, we leave leaking taps to be mended another day. We over use hose-pipes to wash cars and paths and sprinkle gardens even when rain is forecast. We are all guilty if we think about it. My four sons were always keen to help out conserving it though when they were little by washing as little as possible but my two daughters more than made up for it by showers twice a day. As the boys got older and found girls were not just giggly annoying objects that couldn't play football, even they took to showering at the drop of a hat every time they left the house and like 'Enery Cooper, splashing after shave all over .

During WW2 I was evacuated to a farmhouse about 20 miles from Sudbrooke as a snotty nosed urchin from London with my Mickey Mouse gas mask and a label with my name on it tied to my lapel. The farm was very old and run down. There was no piped water and no electricity.

Water came from two hand cranked pumps. A small one in the kitchen and a large one outside in the yard. These were obviously drawing water from underground wells. To begin drawing water from the pumps you had to prime the pump by pouring a jug full of water in the top of the pump. Then pump away, remembering to leave water in the jug for the next time you were going to need it. This was the only water supply for cattle or humans on the farm save for a stream flowing through the fields until a water supply was finally supplied in 1944 when Italian prisoners of war arrived and dug a trench for about half a mile to connect to a mains supply for water and also electricity. What luxury!! We could never have imagined what it would be like to just turn on a tap or a light switch. Even though when I first arrived there I had been used to having water and electricity in the family home and found it a bit strange I had got used to being without.

To really appreciate water you need to be without it. Any camper or caravan traveller will tell you that the first and most important thing to do when you arrive at your campsite is to get some water. Not always a simple matter it often is time consuming and can be heavy work if you have to carry or trundle containers to your tent or caravan over more than a short distance. Yet at home we all take it for granted. Just think of all those in foreign countries who can be seen on films and TV lugging great big water containers for miles. We don't appreciate sometimes how lucky we in this country are.

Until the early sixties the water rates bill always used to be the smallest utility bill that popped through the letter box and was normally only about four a five pounds a quarter for a normal sized household and no one ever begrudged that. At that time there were no household meters so you used as much water as you liked unless in exceptional dry weather when a hosepipe ban would be announced and the public were asked to be more frugal. Nowadays the water bill has risen dramatically and with water meters being fitted to most homes has made us far more aware of just how much we use.

In the early sixties bottled drinking water suddenly started to appear in shops and office and work places. Until then if you needed a drink of water you simply turned on a tap. Outside in parks and streets there were water fountains. These were usually five foot tall square narrow posts with a round metal plunger at the top which when pressed caused a spurt of water to rise so that you could drink your fill. There was always a small fitted bowl at the foot of the stand for your dog to drink. In towns there were often more ornate water fountains and these often had drinking mugs made of metal on chains with lovely carved bowls. Many of these can still be seen around towns. Now sadly however, stripped of all metal by vandals and thieves. These water fountains were widely used and often had inscriptions on them stating who had donated them to the public. The water always seemed so cold and fresh.

Only when you travelled abroad were you warned that "Johnny Foreigner" did not have the same fresh water supply as we in the UK were used to and we were advised not to drink tap water or use ice cubes in our drinks. Water sterilising tablets were frequently carried by travellers and supplied to troops serving abroad. That was when we first started to purchase bottled water.

Soon it began to flood the shops and now is a huge business with most households buying it. If you read the labels on the bottles you will find that the alleged origin of this water can be anywhere in the world. Often as far away as Turkey, India and all over Europe and the Middle East. It doesn't come cheap either and is sometimes in cafes and restaurants as expensive as wine or fruit juices.

Call me a cynic if you like but after watching a re run of an episode of "Only Fools and Horses" where "Dell Boy" sets up his own bottling plant with the use of tap water and a couple of spoonfuls of Epsom salts I can't help wondering just how many similar "scams" are being conducted for the gullible public to spend their money on. Are there really thousands of lorries hurtling over the Alps and across thousands of miles of foreign counties to supply us with drinking water? Another thought crosses my mind. If that water which comes from Volcanic sources over ten thousand years old why has it got a sell by date on the label and why is the actual address of the source of the spring it is alleged to have been taken from never shown.

Oh well! It must be me!. I'm off now for a nice refreshing cold glass of water from my tap. Come and join me, I'll treat you to one.



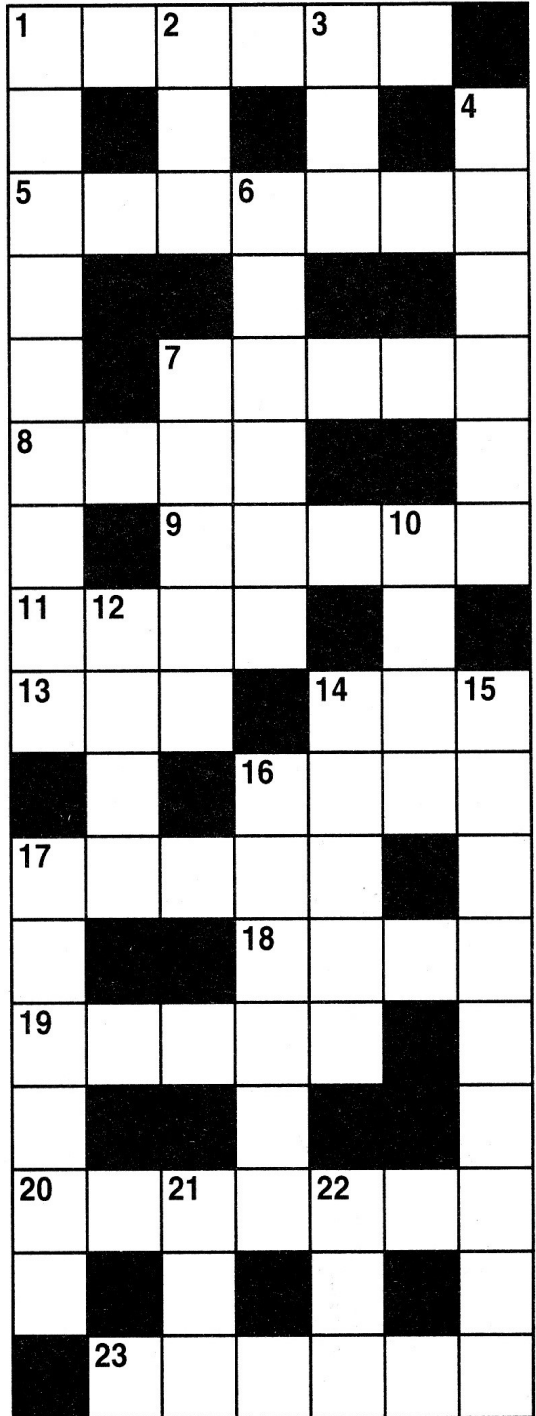
ACROSS

- 1 Catherine ____, Henry VIII's fifth wife (6)
- 5 Pieces of bacon (7)
- 7 Wild animal that lives in a holt (5)
- 8 Expected standard (4)
- 9 Coarse, vulgar (5)
- 11 Leg bone (4)
- 13 Film location (3)
- 14 Electrical unit (3)
- 16 Renault car model advertised by 'Nicole' and 'Papa' (4)
- 17 Drink noisily (5)
- 18 Scream (4)
- 19 Pancake Day fruit (5)
- 20 Gwen ____, singer with her own fashion label named LAMB (7)
- 23 Causing a dull pain (6)

DOWN

- 1 Strength, toughness (9)
- 2 Existed (3)
- 3 Grain used for American whiskey (3)
- 4 Off the right path (6)
- 6 Male assassin (6)
- 7 Satellite's path round Earth (5)
- 10 First name of *Ghost* star Ms Moore (4)
- 12 Naturally get better (4)
- 14 Brand-name breakfast cereal (5)
- 15 Spoiling (the environment) (9)
- 16 Suddenly back out (3,3)
- 17 Sound of an object being thrown into water (6)
- 21 And so on (abbrev)(3)
- 22 Max's daughter in *EastEnders* (3)

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Lincs Echo Co-op Giveaway:

We are registered to receive a share of the Co-op Giveaway so please collect the tokens from the Echo until 15th December. Collection points are:

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Dr Sultan and the Practice Team wish all our patients a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.



Peter Davis

Message from Peter Davis & Son

I shall be retiring in the new year and wish to thank all the customers I have done work for in Sudbrooke.

My stepson Mark who has worked with me for the last 8 years will be carrying on with the work.

So if you have any work you need doing please call Mark Coletti on: 01673843530 or Mob. 07776250082

Thanks, Pete Davis.



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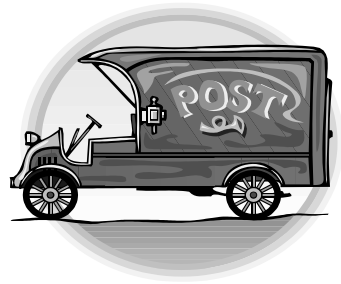
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Dear Old Codger



Dear Codger

Like you and many of the readers of this journal I find the English Language a constant source of pride and never ending interest and diversity. It is after all one of the most widely spoken modern languages in the world. My other great interest is music and late in life I have taken up learning to play the piano and mastering the art of reading sheet music. Thereby finding a problem that all musicians who are not Italian have encountered over the years. All written notations, instructions and directions are in Italian.

It's traditional! You will be told if you query it with your music teacher. But why. Oh why? Has no one decided years ago to write all sheet music in English and then we could charge copyright for all the translations. Perhaps the Italians should have thought of that and then perhaps they would not be in the financial state they currently are. But until that happens we are all obliged to not only master the complexities of a whole ancient world of notes, symbols and strange squiggles but also the meaning of words such as Forte, Allegro, Sotto and a lot of other "Johnny Foreigner" verbs. WHY? When there are perfectly good English words which mean the same thing.

There's a business opportunity for some bright kid on the block to perhaps appear on the TV show "The Apprentice " and make a fortune. (Can you cut me in for 10% for the idea if you succeed?) The Editor will give you the address where to send me my cheque.

Till then, arrivederci,

Tony Nuttall

Dear Old Codger

In a recent "Old Codgers" column collective nouns were mentioned and the fact that many of those now firmly entrenched in The English Language bear little or no resemblance to the subject to which the group name is attributed. A quick click into "Google" reveals hundreds of them. Who on earth selects them and why? For example why "A parliament of owls", "A murder of crows" etc? You will be amazed at the diversity of them.

On a recent "Who wants to be a millionaire" TV program the contestants did not know the answer to the collective noun for a group of swans was a "Lamentation" and missed out on £50,000. It was particularly sad because they were playing for charity. The "Codger" invited readers to have some family fun inventing new ones and perhaps go down in history. My family came up with the following suggestions.

An "amble of walkers". An "Is it me" of Old Codgers.

A "reality" of TV "Wannabees" A "body of pathologists"

An "absence" of shop assistants, taxis or policemen.

A "know-all of pundits" An "agenda of tasks"

As well of lots of others not suitable to print but source of much hilarity. What did your other families come up with?

Pete Rustington

Dear Old Codger

Thought you would like to hear this one.

Picture a Nativity play at the local Primary School. Every tiny child has played their part in front of all their parents. The three wise men are gathered around and everyone is awaiting arrival of the new baby. Suddenly a tiny cry comes from the manger where Mary is lying. Joseph walks over and picks up the baby (A doll of course.) With a delighted smile on his face he proudly walks forward to the front of the stage and parts the shawl wrapped around the child and holding the baby up calls out loudly and delightedly. It's a BABY.! A lovely beautiful little girl !!

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Sudbrooke Gardening Club



Next meeting is Monday 12th December.

The meeting will be hosted by Barry and Margaret Reeves at Tall Trees, 25 Wragby Road from 7-30pm.

It's the Christmas party for club members but before the festivities start we shall aim to agree a programme of events for 2012.

I should like to wish all of our members and our supporters in the village, a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Mike Halliday
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Nettleham Medical Practice Incorporating Cherry Willingham Surgery

We are aware that it has been difficult at times to obtain a convenient appointment at our branch surgery at Cherry Willingham. We are committed to maintaining a branch surgery at Cherry Willingham, although many other rural practices now have closed their branch surgeries. The number of appointments at this site is limited and we would encourage all patients who have their own transport to attend our Nettleham Surgery wherever possible to leave more appointments available to those Cherry Willingham patients without easy transport.

Medication Reviews

Over the last few months, we have been changing the way in which medication reviews are undertaken in the practice. Historically all patients on repeat medication have had a review date printed on their repeat prescription slip and would be expected to make an appointment with a doctor around that date in order for the medication to be reviewed. Now, the doctors review the clinical records of patients with medication reviews about to expire, and then patients are contacted by a receptionist by telephone or letter to make an appointment for any blood test or other monitoring required prior to the medication review. This will ensure that all tests are carried out in advance of the appointment and should ensure that your review is fully comprehensive. For some patients it may be decided by your doctor that all the monitoring has been completed for that year and the medication can be updated without the need for a face to face appointment, saving you time.

Monthly Early Closures for Training 2011

In order to enable our doctors and staff to be kept up to date Nettleham surgery will be closed for training at 1pm on the following afternoons. Emergency help is still available by calling 111.

Tuesday 15th November 2011 Tuesday 13th December 2011

Helen Lunn
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group & Voluntary Driver Scheme

We would still like to encourage more patients to join our virtual Patient Reference Group. The purpose of this is to have a large group of patients that the practice will contact by email a couple of times each year to ask for their opinion on its services etc.

If you are interested then please complete one of the join up forms at reception

or contact Nicola Lamming at the practice for more details.

The Voluntary Drivers Scheme continues as a well liked service to those patients who have difficulty in getting in for their appointments either due to mobility problems or no transport of their own.

We are starting to go through the renewal of CRB checks as we are approaching the end of our first 3 year badges.

If there is anyone out there who feels that they would like to become involved in working within the scheme, who have access to a 4 door (minimum) vehicle, could make themselves available for a minimum of one regular day a week (holidays excepted) and who have a reasonable knowledge of the area that we cover, we would be interested in hearing from you. Please leave your contact details with one of the receptionists at either surgery and I will make contact with you and discuss some of the finer points of the scheme. Also bear in mind that all drivers have to be cleared for an Enhanced CRB check.

Meg Rawden – PPG Chairperson
Alan Price – VDS Co-ordinator

Sudbrooke Ladies' Club



We have had two local speakers at our recent meetings. In October Janice Gull spoke very knowledgeably about Eleanor of Castile. Most of us had heard about her funeral procession from Harby to London but Janice spoke about the real Eleanor. We were impressed by her ability to speak so enthusiastically without notes. Member Ann Yeend spoke to us in November about her life with Dyslexia.

We are very grateful to these speakers for entertaining us.

Forthcoming meetings:

Thursday 15th December – Christmas party (tickets £2 from a Committee member)

Thursday 19th January 2012 – AGM and Cheese and wine.

The charity fund, raised from the book stall and small coin collection, stands at £98.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 730 pm in the Bramham Lounge at the Village hall. Everyone welcome. Guests are asked to contribute £2.

Further information: 01522-595736

Gill Rignall.

Country Walks



November walk

3 new walkers joined the group for a most enjoyable walk on the Wolds around Donnington on Bain. The weather was dry but low cloud obscured some of the magnificent views from the tops of the Wolds. Thanks to Paul and Gill Rignall for leading the walk.

Next walk is Saturday 3rd December

A walk of 6 to 7 miles around the Wragby and Goltho area. There are field paths and woodland trails so it could be a little heavy underfoot depending on the weather.

Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9-30am. Walkers are advised to take a waterproof coat, use suitable footwear and bring a snack and a drink. If you wish to walk and need a lift, please turn up at the village hall. Everyone is welcome to join in this free and healthy activity.

Future walk is Saturday 7th January

Venue to be arranged and will depend on ground conditions. The distance will be between 6 and 7 miles and we aim to be back in Sudbrooke by 1-30pm.

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Sudbrooke Broadband News

Our understanding is that next spring BT will be upgrading around 156 exchanges around the country and Sudbrooke Park has been chosen for this upgrade.

BT intend to provide new FTTB connections (Fibre to the box) which means that the copper wire which currently exists between the exchange and the green boxes in Sudbrooke and Langworth will be replaced with a fibre optic connection. These boxes will also be replaced with a larger box to contain some extra electronic equipment. We will then have just very short copper wires to our premises which will allow speeds up to 25megs (mps) most people will probably get around 10mpsdnload speed though. Most people in Sudbrooke and Langworth currently get between 1.5mps and 6.5mps depending where you live.

You can get more details by entering "Sudbrooke Park exchange upgrade" into Google.

You may also be interested to know some estate agents are now proposing quoting achievable Broadband speeds in advertising literature to help sell houses and Scothern are also persuing greater Broadband speeds for their village via a separate provider (Next Genus) but this may be costly. They are connected to Welton exchange and not Sudbrooke Park and only get around 2.5 mps max. Currently.



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KING GEORGE I's CHRISTMAS PUDDING

(This is not to be listed as an economy recipe: nor do Sandringham kitchens prepare it in war-time. But we include it to represent the rich old Christmas tradition.)

KING GEORGE I, sometimes called the "Pudding King," ate this pudding at six o'clock on December 25, 1714—his first Christmas in England. Practically the same ingredients are mixed in huge earthenware bowls at Sandringham for his descendants:

1½ lbs. finely-shredded suet.
1 lb. eggs, weighed in their shells.
1 lb. each dried plums, stoned and halved; mixed peel, cut in long strips; small raisins; sultanas; currants; sifted flour; sugar and brown breadcrumbs.

1 teaspoonful heaped of mixed spice.

½ nutmeg, grated.

2 teaspoonfuls salt.

½ pint new milk.

Juice of 1 lemon.

A very large wineglassful brandy.

Mix the dry ingredients, moisten with eggs, beaten to a froth, and the milk, lemon juice and brandy mixed. Stand for at least 12 hours in a cool place, then turn into buttered moulds. Boil for 8 hours at first, then for 2 hours before serving. This quantity makes 3 puddings of about 3 lbs. each.

From Mrs. M. Johnson, Fiskerton, Nottinghamshire.

CHRISTMAS FARE



Today, 21 November, is the traditional "stir up Sunday". I inherited the Farmhouse Fare recipe book from my mother in law, it was first published in 1940. This is a Book Production War Economy Standard. All the recipes were from farmers wives.

Interestingly the enclosed recipe for Christmas pudding came from Nottinghamshire, I thought it a topical item for the December issue of Sudbrooke News.

Regards
Catherine Dawson

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Remember last December?

*Be prepared for the
winter ahead!*

**The law on clearing snow and ice
from public spaces**

There is no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces.

If an accident did happen, it's highly unlikely that you would be sued, as long as you:

- ⊗ are careful
- ⊗ use common sense to make sure that you don't make the pavement or pathway clearly more dangerous than before

People using areas affected by snow and ice also have responsibility to be careful themselves.

**Tips and advice on clearing
snow and ice**

- ⊗ Start early - it's much easier to clear fresh, loose snow compared to compacted ice that has been compressed by people walking on it
- ⊗ Don't use hot water - this will melt the snow, but may replace it with black ice, increasing the risk of injury
- ⊗ Be a good neighbour - some people may be unable to clear snow and ice on paths from their property
- ⊗ If shovelling snow, think where you are going to put it so that it doesn't block paths or drainage channels
- ⊗ Make a pathway down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on
- ⊗ Spreading some salt on the area you have cleared will help stop ice forming - table salt or dishwasher salt will work, but avoid spreading on plants or grass as they may be damaged by it
- ⊗ Pay particular care and attention to steps and steep gradients
- ⊗ Use the sun to your advantage - removing the top layer of snow will allow the sun to melt any ice beneath, however you will need to cover any ice with salt to stop it refreezing overnight
- ⊗ If salt is unavailable, sand or ash are good alternatives

**FREE Computer class
"Getting Connected"**

To be held on Saturday 7th January 2012 from 10:00 am to 12:00 midday.

As part of the Government's initiative a free class on the use of the internet will be held at the Dunholme Old School.

It includes how to log on, browsing web sites for information, how to use on-line shopping, how to book holidays, searching for specific items and watching yesterday's TV programmes.

It also includes sending and receiving emails including attachments. This class is open to all but only six places are available.

To book your place on any of the above classes, including the free class, contact John Ritchie on 01673 861172 or email j.ritchie406@btinternet.com

Lincs Echo Co-op Giveaway:

The Local LIVES First Responders Group are registered to receive a share of the Co-op Giveaway and would be grateful if you would please collect the tokens from the Echo until 15th December.

Collection points are:

Sudbrooke Village shop;
Katie Best, Linacre House, Station Road,
Langworth;
Gill Rignall, 4 Windsor Close, Sudbrooke.

The Nettleham and District Conservatives are having a Coffee Morning from 10am until 12. It will be held in the Old School Nettleham, Admission £2.00 which will include a glass of mulled Wine or Coffee and a mince pie. There will be a number of stalls selling gifts and craft items plus a cake and Fair Trade stall.

Computer Classes for 2012.

Computer classes start again for the spring term of 2012 at the Dunholme Old School. Only two classes of 2 hours a week for twelve weeks will be offered this term.

A beginner's class will be held on a Tuesday morning 9:30am to 11:30am starting January 10th 2012.

This is for those who know nothing or very little about computers or how to use one. We start Looking at what a computer is and does.

We cover the basic use of the computer including writing letters, corrections, saving and printing.

Connecting to the internet and browsing web sites for information on on-line shopping, booking holidays, and searching for specific items and how to email.

The other class on Thursday morning, also from 9:30am to 11:30am is for those who want something "Beyond the Basics". This class starts on 12th January 2012

This course is mainly for those who use computers regularly at home or work but have only been self-taught or taught within a working environment. This course will be ideal for SME's whether self-employed or in a small company or those running voluntary organisations. It is also suitable for all those that would like to use a computer to do more than just write letters or go on social network sites. It not only covers word processing in greater detail but also spread sheets, presentations using PowerPoint and photo editing.

We are now using Microsoft Office 2010.

Bingo at the Dunholme Old School
Bingo will be played on Tuesday December 6th. Eyes down will be 2pm, please note change of time. We meet at the Old School Centre.

Janice Ritchie 01673861172.

Dunholme WI

Our meeting in December is on Wednesday 14th and will be our Christmas Party. We will meet in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall. Please note the time is different, it is 7pm for 7-15pm. Could you please bring a wrapped gift value £3, and a raffle prize.

Thank You.

Roll Call: "My choice of meat for Christmas Lunch.

Hostesses: Carol Handford and Janice Ritchie.

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Our updated website is now live – please take a look –
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There is a reported increase in the number of cases of pertussis (whooping cough) in the region and the recommendation is that any child who has not had their vaccine (this is the triple baby vaccine) should come in for this now.

We collect unused and unwanted medicine which are sent to Africa. Please note that medication must be in date and in the original packaging or Intercare are unable to accept. All patient identifiable information is removed from the packaging before dispatching.

The diabetic retinopathy screening service is due in this area shortly and invitations will be sent from the central screening department to those who are in this target group.

We are sending the first of our patient group surveys out this month – if you would like to be included via email or post please tell us. We are especially interested in gleaning the views of our younger patients and elderly patients – and those patients that do not use the surgery facilities regularly. The initial topic is around our telephone system and we will be discussing the results with our Patient Participation Group in due course.

If any patients have a loaned nebuliser we would be grateful for a prompt return as our numbers are dwindling and we also need to ensure that they are regularly inspected and serviced.

Not sure why, but dispensary staff report several telephone repeat requests in the last couple of weeks where the patient has not left their name , please wait for the tone before speaking or your full details will not be recorded.

The surgery will close for business at noon on Friday 23rd December and again on Friday 30th December. A doctor on call is available by telephoning the surgery in the usual way – 0844 477 3072 until the out of hours surgery take over, as usual, at 6.30pm. We will re-open on Wednesday 28th December and then again on Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Sallie Stead
Manager
Welton Family Health Centre

Welton and District Patients and Doctors Association

The PDA Christmas Lunch date is fast approaching and we are looking forward to an enjoyable event with everyone who has been lucky enough to purchase a ticket. Unfortunately, if anyone hasn't yet got a ticket, you are too late as we have already sold out. The doors will open at 11.45 and the meal will be served at 12.15. There will be the usual raffle and cake stall to which any donations will be gratefully accepted on the day. The bar will be open for the purchase of drinks.

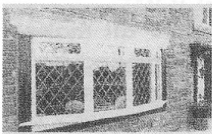
You may have read that the Lincolnshire Echo is donating a share of £20,000 to 200 successful organisations who applied to them. The PDA applied and was successful and this is where you come in. We are collecting tokens which appear in the Echo each Thursday from 10th Nov to 15th Dec. The cash will be shared out pro rata to the number of coupons collected. If anyone would like to support the PDA in this way coupons can be left with Alan Gwilt, 3 Lincoln Rd, Dunhome, Derek Wright, 11 Manor Drive, Sudbrooke, Roy Minnitt, 55, Ryland Rd, Welton or myself at 17, Sudbrooke Rd, Scothern (just put through letterbox please). They can also be left at The Welton Health Centre Reception.

The PDA would like to wish all of its supporters a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year and we look forward to seeing you at our next fund-raising event which will be the Spring Lunch- date to be advised.

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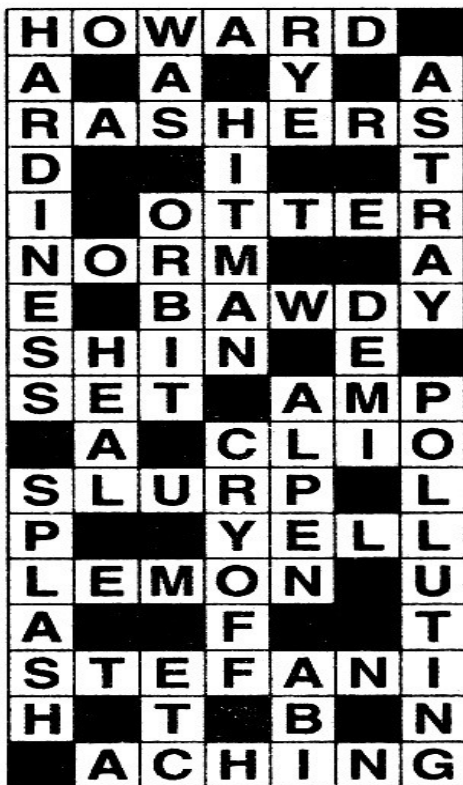
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